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XM radio is one of those inventions that you never knew you needed until you have it. Now that I do, i've found it a valuable travel aid as much as a source of entertainment and information. During a trip to New York from Atlanta, I used XM's traffic and weather channels to keep up on potential pitfalls on the way north. Once again another big industry is crying mommy when they feel they are threatened by a new technology. Instead of finding ways to adapt, they are looking to Uncle Sam to cripple the new technology insted of looking inward and thinking about how to fix themselves. I find it deplorable that this is even being considered and the petition should be rejected. It's ridiculous notions like this that give lobbyists a bad name. As I live in Atlanta, my local XM traffic and weather station is still not active, but I am eagerly awaiting for the launch and hope that XM is not prevented from starting it because certain industries do not like the concept of a free! market.

Unless is's free for them to succeed at the cost of innovation.

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